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LETTER DATED 10 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 1 to 5 May 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

1 May 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 45 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Basra, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 1245 hours, a United States TR-1 aircraft engaged in hostile reconnaissance over Artawi, Nasiriyah, Samawah and Amarah. It flew at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m. At 1510 hours, it disappeared south of Artawi, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian territory.

2 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-10,000 m, centred on Mosul, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Dohuk and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-9,000 m, centred on Samawah, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah and Lasaf.

3 May 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah and Busayyah.

4 May 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 45 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, southern Diwaniyah and Busayyah.

5 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,000 m, centred on Zakho, Amadiyah, Mosul, Dohuk and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Jalibah, Artawi, Salman, Amarah, Basra, Busayyah, Nasiriyah and Samawah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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Permanent Representative